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cheerful reading; but it humanises while it saddens, and those who are not wholly absorbed in their own concerns will learn, perhaps, from Mr. McCarthy's admirable pages to appreciate something of the magic that lives in the Dark Rosaleen.

NOTES AND NEWS.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Society will be held at Mendelssohn Hall, No. 119 West Fortieth Street, on Tuesday, January 19, 1904, at 8.30 o'clock, P. M.

After the presentation and reading of reports, the election of officers and other business, the Hon. Robert Lansing will address the Society on the Questions Settled by the Award of the Alaskan Boundary Tribunal.

On the 23d of February the Rev. Putnam Cady will describe the Physical and Historical Geography of the Dead Sea Region.

THE CULLUM GEOGRAPHICAL MEDAL. The Council, at a meeting held on the 10th of December, unanimously awarded the Cullum Geographical Medal to Prof. Dr. Georg von Neumayer for services to the cause of scientific geography as explorer in Australia and as Director of the German Naval Observatory in Hamburg.

IN NOVEMBER the Royal Scottish Geographical Society conferred upon Robert E. Peary, C.E., U. S. N., President of the American Geographical Society, Honorary Membership and the Livingstone gold medal for his distinguished services in connection with North Polar Exploration in the years 1898–1902.

THE ANNUAL REPORT of the Smithsonian Institution for 1902 shows that the permanent fund amounts to $912,000. The receipts from all sources in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1902, were $150,774, and the expenditures were $69,653. Among the notable papers in the appendix are Guam and its People, by W. E. Safford; The Panama Route for a Ship Canal, by Prof. William H. Burr, and Volcanic Eruptions on Martinique and St. Vincent, by Prof. Israel C. Russell.

PROF. DR. RICHARD ANDREE, of Munich, the ethnographer, has been succeeded in the editorship of *Globus*, the geographical and anthropological weekly published at Brunswick, by Hermann Singer, the geographer. Dr. Andree will continue to contribute to the periodical.

DR. ADOLF MARCUSE, astronomer at the Royal Observatory and instructor at the University of Berlin, has taken charge of the department of geographical surveying in the *Geographisches Jahrbuch*, edited by Dr. Hermann Wagner. He requests that astronomers, geographers, and explorers send him publications or papers containing results which should be recorded.

DR. FRANZ STUHLMANN, the East African explorer, has been appointed Director of the Biological and Agricultural Institute at Amani, in German East Africa.

IT HAS BEEN REPORTED that Dr. and Mrs. Bullock Workman claim to have been the first explorers of the great Chogo Lungma glacier. The *Dresdner Anzeiger* of November 17 quotes from No. 21 of the *Mitteilungen des Deutschen und Österreichischen Alpenvereins* the following statement by Major Max Schlagintweit:

> The glacier region of the Congo Lungma was already explored in the year 1856 by my brother Adolf Schlagintweit, and Volume 1 of the Travels of the Brothers Schlagintweit presents a large view of this glacier. The Americans, Dr. and Mrs. Bullock Workman, were not, therefore, the first to set foot in that region, since their predecessor in its exploration was a German.

Brave men lived before Agamemnon, and we have yet to hear from the English and the Indians.

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